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SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DISAPPEARANCE  
OF ESTHER BALLESTRINO DE CAREAGA (232-77-12)

H PASS: HONORABLE TOBY MOFFETT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON DC

1. DEAR CONGRESSMAN MOFFETT:  
I AM WRITING IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 29, IN  
WHICH YOU INQUIRE ABOUT DR ESTHER BALLESTRINO DE  
CAREAGA.  
THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS SAD CASE SINCE  
MRS CAREAGA'S DISAPPEARANCE IN DECEMBER OF 1977, AND  
WE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF  
MANUEL CARLOS CUEVAS. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
INFORMED US ON MAY 22 OF INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT  
MRS CAREAGA WAS ALIVE AND THAT FURTHER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING HER MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING.  
WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS HOWEVER, AND  
WE RECEIVED NO REPLIES TO OUR EARLIER INQUIRIES  
MADE TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S WORKING  
GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TODAY, JUNE 6, WE ARE DELIVERING  
YET ANOTHER INQUIRY, BUT WE ARE LITTLE ENCOURAGED  
THERE WILL BE A FAVORABLE ANSWER.  
IN ANY EVENT I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN  
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WHENEVER THERE IS ANY NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON  
DR CAREAGA OR MR CUEVAS.

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Margaret P. Grefeld, Director  
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2. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.  
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